

# Hide Your Land and Water Rights The Green Movement is Mobilizing

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The *Managing River Flows for Biodiversity* Conference is designed for water managers, staff from non-governmental organizations that work to influence water management decisions, and the attorneys, scientists, and other consultants that advise these groups. For a mere 430 smackers (dollars), attendees will have an opportunity to examine the real and perceived conflicts between meeting ecosystem needs and human demands for water; discuss the state of science with respect to flow requirements for biodiversity conservation; hear case studies where practitioners are working to meet human demands for water while also providing for ecological needs; and attend a field trip to nearby Rocky Mountain rivers.

So let's translate this for you: There will be a conference in Fort Collins, Colorado July 30 - August 2, 2001 at Colorado State University. The mission will be to figure out how to finish off the U.S. Agricultural Industry. Of course, this will sound 'extreme' to some, and it will of course be denied by those participating. But if you can get in, you can report back on all the nasty things that will be said about farmers, ranchers, maybe even a snowmobiler.

If you think this is just about the Fort Collins area, think again. Check out the list of folks and their 'potential targets'. See if a river near you is mentioned.

**Anderson, Robert T.**, University of Washington School of Law - Klamath River Case Study Symposia

**Andrews, Edmund D.**, U.S. Geological Survey - Zion National Park-Virgin River Case Study Symposia (moderator)

**Arthington, Angela**, Professor of Freshwater Ecology, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Griffith University, Brisbane

**Benson, Reed D.**, WaterWatch of Oregon- Klamath River Case Study Symposia

**Bergstrom, Scott A.**, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior - Trinity River Case Study Symposia

**Brawner, Tom**, Roanoke River Basin Association - Roanoke River Case Study

Symposia **Brown, Terry M.**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Roanoke River Case Study

Symposia **Caldwell, Napoleon**, Georgia Environmental Protection Division - Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Case Study Symposia

**Conyngham, Jock**, Trout Unlimited - Beaverkill-Willowemoc Case Study Symposia (moderator)

**Crisp, Mark**, GDS Associates - Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Case Study Symposia

**Crist, Larry**, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation - Upper Colorado River Basin Case Study Symposia

**Evans, Steven L.**, Friends of the River - San Francisco Bay-Delta System Case Study Symposia

**Galat, David L.**, Assistant Leader-Fisheries, U.S. Geological Survey Cooperative Research Unit, and Professor, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences, University of Missouri

**Getches, David H.**, Raphael J. Moses Professor of Natural Resources Law, University of Colorado School of Law

**Goodrich, Dave**, Agricultural Research, U.S. Department of Agriculture - San Pedro River Case Study Symposia

**Hansen, William "Bill" R.**, National Park Service - Zion National Park-Virgin River Case Study Symposia

**Hardy, Thomas B.**, Institute for Natural Systems Engineering, Utah State University - Klamath River Case Study Symposia

**Hargrave, Rose**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Missouri River Case Study Symposia

**Harrison, David**, Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff - Insights from Brazil-The Pantanal Basin Case Study Symposia (moderator), Zion National Park-Virgin River Case Study Symposia

**Hart, David D.**, Academy Vice President, Patrick Center for Environmental Research, Academy of Natural Sciences

**Hatfield-Hyde, Becky**, Rancher and Community Member - Klamath River Case Study Symposia

**Hawkins, John**, Colorado State University - Upper Colorado River Basin Case Study Symposia

**Herbold, Bruce**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - San Francisco Bay-Delta System Case Study Symposia

**Holland, Elise**, Trust for Public Land - San Francisco Bay-Delta System

**Hovorka, Duane**, Nebraska Wildlife Federation - Missouri River Case Study Symposia

**Kales, Matt**, Upper Chattahoochee River Keepers - Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Case Study Symposia (moderator)

**Kann, Jacob**, Aquatic Ecosystem Sciences - Klamath River Case Study Symposia

**Kent, Gretchen R.**, Ft. Huachuca, U.S. Department of Defense - San Pedro River Case Study Symposia

**King, Jackie**, University of Cape Town - Insights from South Africa: Integrating Policy, Environmental Flow Assessment and Ecosystem Management Case Study Symposia (moderator)

**Kraft, Cliff**, Cornell University - Beaverkill-Willowemoc Case Study Symposia

**LeValley, Mike J.**, Missouri River Natural Resources Committee - Missouri River Case Study Symposia

**Little, David**, Denver Water - Field Trip

**Luecke, Daniel**, Environmental Defense - Upper Colorado River Basin Case Study Symposia

**Luoma, Samuel N.**, CALFED Bay Delta Program - San Francisco Bay-Delta System Case Study Symposia

**MacKay, Heather M.**, Centre for Water in the Environment, University of the Witwatersrand - Insights from South Africa: Integrating Policy, Environmental Flow Assessment and Ecosystem Management Case Study Symposia

**Magilligan, Frank J.**, Fluvial Geomorphologist, Geography Department, Dartmouth College

**Mathews, Ruth**, The Nature Conservancy - Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Case Study Symposia

**McAda, Chuck**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Upper Colorado River Basin Case Study Symposia

**McBain, Scott M.**, Trush and McBain - Trinity River Case Study Symposia

**McCrodden, Brian J.**, Water Resources Management, Inc. - Roanoke River Case Study Symposia

**Membrino, Joseph R.**, Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, PC - Trinity River Case Study Symposia

**Meng, Larry**, Farmer - Missouri River Case Study Symposia

**Miller, William "B.J."**, Consulting Engineer - San Francisco Bay-Delta System Case Study Symposia

**Morgan, Robert L.**, Utah State Engineer - Zion National Park-Virgin River Case Study Symposia

**Olds, Jerry D.**, Utah Division of Water Rights - Zion National Park - Virgin River Case Study Symposia

**Olson, Mike**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Missouri River Case Study Symposia

**Opper, Richard H.**, Missouri River Basin Association - Missouri River Case Study Symposia

**Pearsall, Sam H.**, North Carolina Chapter, The Nature Conservancy - Roanoke River Case Study Symposia (moderator)

**Peltier, Jason E.**, Central Valley Project Water Association - Trinity River Case Study Symposia

**Pitts, Tom**, Water Consult - Upper Colorado River Basin

**Poff, N. LeRoy**, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Colorado State University

**Polos, Joe**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Trinity River Case Study Symposia

**Quinn, Timothy**, Deputy General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

**Raley, Bennet**, Trout and Daley - Field Trip

**Renthal, James**, U.S. Bureau of Land Management - San Pedro River Case Study Symposia

**Reynolds, Wayne**, Delaware County Department of Public Works - Beaverkill-Willowemoc Case Study Symposia

**Richter, Holly E.**, Arizona Chapter, The Nature Conservancy - San Pedro River Case Study Symposia (moderator)

**Rieke, Elizabeth Ann (Betsy)**, Bureau of Reclamation - State of Policy Plenary

**Robinson, Joel**, New York Department of Transportation - Beaverkill-Willowemoc Case Study Symposia

**Rogers, Kevin H.**, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa - Insights from South Africa: Integrating Policy, Environmental Flow Assessment and Ecosystem Management Case Study Symposia

**Roos-Collins, Richard**, Natural Heritage Institute - Roanoke River Case Study Symposia

**Sherk, George William**, George Washington University - Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Case Study Symposia

**Slingerland, Don**, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Beaverkill-Willowemoc Case Study Symposia

**Smith, Chad**, American Rivers - Missouri River Case Study Symposia (moderator)

**Stalnaker, Clair**, U.S. Geological Survey (retired) - Trinity River Case Study Symposia (moderator)

**Stanford, Jack A.**, Jessie M. Bierman Professor of Ecology and Director of the Flathead Lake Biological Station, The University of Montana

**Steinkampf, William C.**, U.S. Geological Survey - San Pedro River Case Study Symposia

**Stokely, Tom G.**, Trinity County Planning Department - Trinity River Case Study Symposia

**Stromberg, Juliet C.**, Arizona State University - San Pedro River Case Study Symposia

**Sudman, Rita Schmidt**, San Francisco Bay-Delta System Case Study Symposia (moderator)

**Thompson, Ronald W.**, Washington County Water Conservancy District - Zion National Park-Virgin River Case Study Symposia

**Thornton, Jim**, Dominion Generation - Roanoke River Case Study Symposia

**Townsend, Phil**, Center for Environmental Sciences, University of Maryland - Roanoke River Case Study Symposia

**Tucci, Carlos Eduardo Morelli**, Institute of Hydraulic Research, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil - Insights from Brazil-The Pantanal Basin Case Study Symposia

**Ullman, Carl**, Klamath Tribes Water Adjudication Project - Klamath River Case Study Symposia

**Walch, Andrew**, U.S. Department of Justice - Zion National Park-Virgin River Case Study Symposia

**White, Wayne S.**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - San Francisco Bay-Delta System Case

Study Symposia

**Wigington, Robert**, The Nature Conservancy - Upper Colorado River Basin (moderator)

**Wilkenson, Eric**, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and Colorado Water Conservation Board - Field Trip

**Wilkinson, Charles F.**, Moses Lasky Professor of Law, University of Colorado

**Williams, Owen R.**, Williams and Associates, LLC - Field Trip, Zion National Park-Virgin River Case Study Symposia

**Wittler, Rodney J.**, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation - Trinity River Case Study Symposia

**Zedonis, Paul**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Ziewitz, Jerry W.**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Case Study Symposia

Yes, it's those 'case studies' that lead to 'biological opinions' that lead to the victims forced to listen to explanations why an animal they have never heard of suddenly has more rights than they do.

The 'challenge of the event will begin with, "...more fully understanding what water flows are needed to sustain a river's natural ecological health and then work collaboratively across disciplines and stakeholders to achieve a balance between human and ecosystem needs. Only then can we hope to attain ecologically sustainable water management. To set the stage for new solutions to difficult management issues, we need to ensure that water managers, and the scientists, attorneys, policy-makers, citizens groups (e.g., watershed councils) and conservation organizations that advise water managers, know why natural flow variations are important and how they can modify their water management practices to provide or restore these natural conditions...." Notice few from the agriculture community were included in this meeting.

Among their goals, "[To] discuss case studies which address inherent conflicts and potential solutions as a means of engaging in interdisciplinary dialogue. Through this event, attendees will become better informed decision-makers or become better able to influence decision-makers." This means, "Let's get together, and figure out a plan of attack against a huge part of American culture, and agree on speaking with one voice."

Expect to see few press releases from this "conference". This is a planning session where there will be plenty of lobbyists leaving with marching orders – and coming to a water system near you.

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